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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on 02DEC08. These drawings are acceptable.

Response to the Second Supplemental Amendment

2. A second supplemental amendment introducing a new claim 24, which is broader than all other claims in the application. In particular the allowed claims have three-sided strengthening members wherein the new claim 24 introduces a two-sided strengthening member. In calling the Applicant's Representative, the broad claim 24 was discussed and the prior art US 6,669,275 B2 was mentioned as a possible rejection to this new broad claim.
3. The second supplemental amendment was filed on 02SEP08 after the Examiner spoke with the Inventor's Representative (Stephen A. Soffen) on 27AUG08 to agree on an Examiner's Amendment to the application, followed by the mailing of the Notice of Allowance on 02SEP08. This amendment is not a § 1.312 Amendment after allowance (Rule 312 Amendment); it is a supplemental amendment.
4. Supplemental amendments are not automatically entered as a matter of right anymore. All supplemental amendments are at the discretion of the examiner. See MPEP 714.03(a) and 37 CFR 1.111 (1)(a). The Examiner concludes that the second supplemental amendment will not be entered and that the claims will stay as indicated in the Notice of Allowance dated 02SEP08.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul A. Chenevert whose telephone number is (571)272-6657. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn D. Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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